

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2220 without my signature.

I applaud the author for seeking to address one of the most important consumer issues facing patients today. This bill attempts to change the market dynamic in a way that encourages contracts between health plans and providers. It is a good starting point. Unfortunately, it does not contain the comprehensive solution that patients need and deserve when it comes to addressing the disgraceful practice of balance billing.

I believe the author and Administration can work together to solve this issue next year. I look forward to our combined efforts that will take the patient out of the middle of these payment disputes.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger